

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2012, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Room 370

Commissioners Present: Mike Barta, Laura Gramer, Jonathan Porter, Gary Stobbe

Commissioners by Phone: Hope Drummond

Commissioners Absent: Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Vickie Foster

Guest Speakers: Tamika S. Williams, Mike Sanford,
Jerry DeGrieck

Guests: Steve Ferreira, Maggie Howell,
Grace Oludiji, Cheri Perazzoli, Tom Reidy, Tim Shockley, Jacob Struiksma, Mark Van Wormer

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:30

Guest Speakers:

Tamika S. Williams, Mike Sanford, Jerry DeGrieck

- SPD does encourage people with disabilities to apply and has employees who have disabilities, but none are officers.
- Assistant Chief Sanford opined that the John T. Williams situation resulted from a rush to judgment, not related to Mr. Williams' deafness
- SPD seeks feedback on the 20/20 plan. An update version of the pamphlet will be issued the first week of August. The department will then hold community meetings and further

revise the pamphlet for distribution in mid-September. The Department will seek assistance from the Commission in getting feedback from the disability community at that point.

- Commissioners expressed an eagerness to provide feedback on the 20/20 plan as well as other SPD policies and procedures. Commissioners seek substantive two-way communication
- SPD worked with HSDC to create a wallet card and video to help officers interact with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Not all officers know what resources are available.
- SPD seeks to integrate disability training into core training for officers
- Jerry DeGriek suggested that the Commission participate in the Seattle King County Asset Building Collaborative Disability Work Group. [Felicia, Vickie, and Mark participate]

Public Comment:

Tim Shockley: The Library's Paralympic event went well. There was a good turnout.

Cheri P, Hearing Loss Association of Washington and Let's Loop Seattle, seeking to make Seattle more hearing accessible

Grace Oludiji seeking appointment as a Get Engaged Commissioner

Jacob Struiksmma, Pedestrian Advisory Board, seeking opportunities for collaboration, e.g., snow clearance, walkable zones. Expressed concern that City employees' business cards are not Brailled.

Steve Ferreira: seeking appointment to the Commission

Approval of Minutes:
SOCR Report:

June 2012 approved as read
Michael Chin

Conducting outreach for Paid Sick and Safe Time; anticipate criminal records legislation in the coming months; revising the racial equity tool kit.

Committee Reports:

- Executive: Laura met with representatives from the Mayor's office regarding Project Civic Access.
- Education: Working to co-produce a PSA regarding snow removal from sidewalks and curb cuts; seek Commission support for writing script, finding locations, acting in PSA. Deborah served on the interview panel for the Emergency Services Department Community Planner. Wednesday, July 25th, the Committee will meet with Pacific Northwest National Lab, who will demonstrate a Scalable Reasoning System tool – which is a way to extrapolate and visualize what is trending in social media. They are seeking to have individuals with disabilities beta test the tool.
- Nominating: three individuals will be recommended for appointment: Steve Ferreira, Jonathan Porter, and Paloma Reza. Grace Oludiji will be recommended for appointment to the Get Engaged seat. Laura will resend the recruitment flyer to encourage applicants for the three remaining vacancies.
- Issues: The committee will draft recommendations on the Waterfront and Seawall Replacement project upon receipt of meeting notes. The Committee plans to host a public forum on housing discrimination in early October to correspond with Disability Awareness Month; will seek

proclamation from Mayor. Mark Adreon opened communication with the City's Personnel Department to respond to questions raised in the Commission's work plan. Mike Barta will help identify panelists for the U.S. Department of Labor (OFCCP) symposium. Jonathan will connect with King County to begin addressing Metro bus and tunnel issues.

- Outreach: Picnic scheduled for September 22nd 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Seward Park picnic area #1. Invitations should include an option to bring a potluck dish and a request for RSVPs.

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.